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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

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FROM OPIC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN

SUBJECT: COCOA PROJECT

1. OPIC IS CONSIDERING ON APPLICATION FOR THE FINANCING OF A 650 ACRE COCOA FARMING AND FERMENTATION PROJECT IN LA VIRGEN. PLANTAINS WILL ALSO BE GROWN AS A CASH CROP AND TO PROVIDE SHADE FOR THE COCOA PLANTS. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS ARE ESTIMATED AT \$520,000. ABOUT 35 LOCAL LABORERS WILL BE EMPLOYED.

2. SPONSOR IS FINCA CUATRO RIOS, OWNED PRIMARILY BY FRED KENT, JAMES COLLINS, DAVID LANDO, JOHN SPROULL AND HAZEN ARNOLD. ROBERT HUNTER OF COMPANIA AGRICOLA HUNTRO WILL ALSO BE AN EQUITY INVESTOR AND WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO THE PROJECT. DR. HUNTER IS A JOINT VENTURE PARTNER WITH HERSHEY ON THE ADJACENT FARM.

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3. OPIC WOULD APPRECIATE EMB CHECK ON SPONSORS AND COMMENT ON DESIRABILITY OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT. VANCE

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